

REMARKS

This case is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/259,137 filed on September 26, 2002 which was subject to a Restriction Requirement. The Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the above preliminary amendment. By this preliminary amendment applicants have cancelled Claims 1-12. Accordingly, after the above preliminary amendment Claims 13-34 are now pending.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are now in a condition for allowance, and allowance at an early date would be appreciated. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, they are encouraged to call the undersigned at (408) 530-9700 to discuss the same so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,
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